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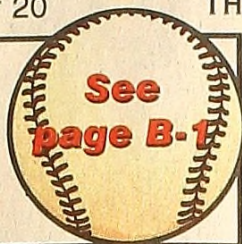
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**Race is a non-issue in  
Wayne-Westland school  
board election**

I was reading the letters to the  
editor, and I'm really tired of  
everybody making everything a  
race issue. I was reading a letter  
from someone in Westland who  
wrote about [Wayne-Westland  
School Board President] Debra  
Fowlkes, and it just makes me  
sick.

Who cares if we have white or  
black people or Hispanic or what-  
ever on the school board? Or if we  
have a black or white board presi-  
dent — it doesn't matter. That's  
not the issue. Education of the  
children is what matters. I'm really  
tired of this.

**Sen. Bennett should get  
a whiff of the landfill  
loaders on I-275**

This message is for Sen. Ben-  
nett. Everytime you drive up and  
down I-275, you smell these terri-  
ble landfill loaders. You should've  
thought about that before you [al-  
legedly] took all that landfill-own-  
er money.

I find it crazy you admit you  
haven't taken any money in two  
years. But who got you elected?  
The landfill owners.

**Caller accuses Ben E.  
Jet admirer of smoking  
funny stuff**

I like the paper. I like Benny  
and the Jets band. But the woman  
who called "Sound Off" and  
thought Ben E. Jet was so good  
looking, and that he should be  
on the front page, must be the  
same woman who was at the  
Ann Arbor Hash Bash.

**Jet praised for spread-  
ing the good word about  
Western Wayne County**

I enjoy Ben E. Jet's column; I  
enjoyed the MCMA [Michigan  
Community Music Awards]; and I  
enjoyed hearing him on Ted Nu-  
gent's radio program — he said  
good things about the area, which  
I think is cool.

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## City upgrades ambulance service



### Grandparents' Day

Cory Elementary School fourth grader Nathan Samuels (left) presents his grandmother, Carolyn Thacker, with a carnation as he takes her on a tour of the Romulus school's computer room. His brother, Jordan, a first grader, demonstrates some of the electronic gear in the room. MCN Special Photo

## Cymonne tributes pour in

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Cymonne Pyles lived only 10  
years — but she touched many  
lives, her pastor said. Last  
week and this Monday those  
persons called to explain just  
how they were touched by  
their sweet friend and rela-  
tive.

Her grandmother, Karen  
Bostedor of Hawaii, revealed  
most of her ties with Cymonne  
until recently were via the  
telephone. "Amazingly her  
strong positive attitude and  
sense of humor lifted me  
up...even when she was at her  
lowest physically."

Her grandmother tried once  
to kid her about her loss of  
hair, but was surprised and up-  
lifted when Cymonne tou-  
chingly reminded her "there  
are much more important  
things in life than whether you  
have hair or not!"

Her best friend, Desiree Mc-  
Cray, 11, who would sleep over  
on weekends at Cymonne's  
house, said she loved to share  
popsicles with Cymonne, sing  
*Count on Me* and read stories  
to Cymonne.

"I would read Angel related  
or Dr. Suess books to her or  
sometimes we would watch  
"Sister, Sister" on television,"  
Desiree said.



Cymonne Pyles

Thoughtfully she said "I'll  
never forget the first time we  
met. I was very shy and she  
came over and said to me 'Hi  
I'm Cymonne, do you want to  
play?'"

Amazingly her strong  
positive attitude...lifted me  
up...  
- Karen Bostedor

Her younger sister Tarah —  
a 3rd grader — also said she  
loved to read with her sister,  
including books like *The Low-  
est Angels*.

Tarah said "sometimes we  
would play school or she  
would ask me to go get her a  
popsicle."

Her cousin Jessica Davis  
also treasured the times she  
was able to stay over night  
with Cymonne. "We use to put  
on all types of hats, shoes etc  
and make music videos."

Her aunt, June Jones of Ro-  
mulus, said she often would  
call my husband, Ralph, and I  
and we would bring ribs and/  
or popsicles. The last week we  
brought her ribs and candied  
yams. She asked me for a big  
hug that time...I guess she  
knew it would be the last time  
I would see her alive."

Her former cheerleading  
coach Patty Alley revealed  
Cymonne was very shy when  
she first joined the squad that  
cheers for Romulus Flyer  
teams.

"Pretty soon she picked up  
the skills and aided other new  
members," Alley said.

After she developed a  
tumor and had to wear a head-  
band, the rest of the squad was  
so filled with her spirit that  
they all turned out with match-  
ing headbands so that she  
would not feel intimidated, Al-  
ley said emotionally.

See **TRIBUTE**, page A-3

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The Romulus City Council  
unanimously endorsed an up-  
grading of the city's ambulance  
services through the Commu-  
nity Emergency Medical Ser-  
vices company on Monday  
night.

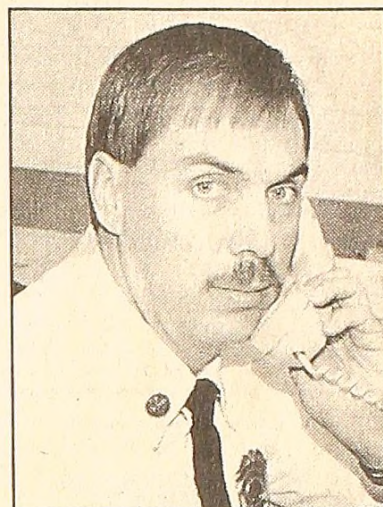
The council revealed sev-  
eral months ago following a  
talk by former Romulus School  
Board President Dan Bales  
and his wife, Carole, that they  
supported an upgrade to an  
"advanced" medical level.

Bales outlined how he felt  
when he was technically mis-  
diagnosed after suffering a  
heart attack at home last year  
and stated that the technology  
available via an advanced  
EMS team would have con-  
firmed that earlier than when  
he reached a hospital.

Fire Chief David Allison  
however felt that because of  
Romulus' unique geographical  
location between Annapolis  
Hospital in Wayne and Heri-  
tage Hospital in Taylor, he  
would continue to support the  
basic life support style, which  
gets patients to the hospital  
quicker than the ALS program.

Allison said with the ALS  
system patients spend more  
time on site for early treat-  
ment, where with the basic life  
support they head to the hospi-  
tal and top professional care  
within minutes.

Allison also sent Mayor



Fire Chief David Allison

William Oakley a memo stating  
"we have been advised that  
the service with CEMS could  
continue on a 'per call' basis  
without the need of a written  
contract."

He added "I will implement  
whatever scope of service  
deemed to be appropriate by  
yourself and the Romulus City  
Council."

Oakley on Monday night  
said the city was working on an  
extension of its old ambulance  
contract with CEMS until the  
council made its final deci-  
sion.

A check with Allison on  
Tuesday morning revealed  
that the new advanced life  
support would probably go  
into effect in about 60 days.

## Teachers picket board's offices

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

More than 150 Romulus  
area teachers peacefully pic-  
keted the school administration  
building on Grant road Mon-  
day night prior to the school  
board meeting.

The teachers, who said they  
have been working for four  
going on five years without a  
contract, picketed for about an  
hour outside the administra-  
tion building carrying signs re-  
lating to the need for a signed  
contract.

There was no report of any  
incidents.

The teachers and adminis-  
tration are split on financial,  
language and length of school  
day issues.

Teacher Union President

James Orme revealed that the  
teachers had just received a  
letter from Superintendent  
William Bedell over the week-  
end, which irked them since it  
seemed to try to place some  
blame on regional union  
leader George Trudell.

Orme said teacher repre-  
sentatives will continue to ap-  
pear at the administration  
building site prior to every  
board meeting throughout this  
school year.

"It seems strange that the  
administration is using 16th  
century tactics to try to lead us  
into the 21st century," Orme  
said.

"Not having an existing con-  
tract is not the best way to at-  
tract quality teachers to the  
district," Orme said.

## City leaders, blacks hold sensitivity meet

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Mayor William Oakley,  
Mayor pro tem Randolph Gear,  
Police Chief Charles Kirby  
and Police Lt. Robert Brown  
held a private meeting with  
various African American res-  
idents Monday afternoon in an  
effort to eliminate any future  
confrontational problems this  
summer.

On May 4 various dark  
skinned residents spoke out at  
the council meeting stating  
they felt they were being har-  
assed by Romulus bike police  
and one woman said she was  
painfully injured when she  
came to the aid of her sons.

Gear told the public Mon-  
day night that all agreed the  
incident with the woman took  
place, but they were deter-  
mined to work together to

make Romulus a quality city to  
live.

A wide assortment of opin-  
ions were expressed, Gear  
said, and the need for future  
gatherings was agreed upon.  
No date for any future meet-  
ings was set.

Ironically at the end of Mon-  
day night's meeting, Gear was  
chastised by new City Environ-  
mental Board member Mark  
Chase for apparently taking  
sides in the neighborhood is-  
sue the week before.

Chase cautioned Gear for  
giving the appearance of feel-  
ing that all Romulus police  
might be harassing African  
Americans.

Gear said others had actu-  
ally praised his handling of the  
situation.

## Parrott seeks 'rep' seat

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

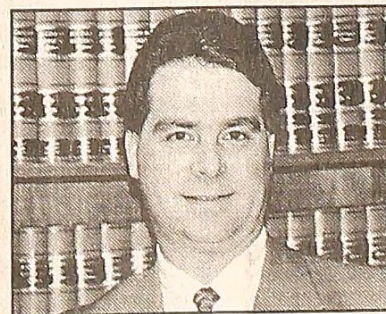
Area attorney David Par-  
rott, 38, of Van Buren Town-  
ship, has filed to seek the  
Democratic nomination for the  
11th District Wayne County  
Commissioner seat, currently  
being held by Commissioner  
Bruce Patterson (R-Canton).

Patterson announced ear-  
lier that he will not be seeking  
re-election, but instead will be  
running for the 21st District  
State Representative post cur-  
rently filled by Deborah  
Whyman (R-Canton).

Whyman in turn will be  
seeking election this year as a  
state senator.

The 11th district commis-  
sioner seat covers the cities of  
Romulus, Belleville and  
Wayne, and the townships of  
Huron, Sumpter and Van  
Buren.

The son of a retired Detroit  
police officer, Parrott is a gra-  
duate of the University of Michi-  
gan and Wayne State



David Parrott

University Law School. He cur-  
rently represents local public  
employee retirement systems  
from his practice in Allen  
Park.

The first time candidate  
said he feels his employee re-  
tirement systems legal posi-  
tion compares well with the  
commissioner post. In the le-  
gal position, Parrott said "my  
job is to see that negotiated  
pension plans are properly de-  
signed and that the rights and  
benefits of our retirees are  
protected."

If elected this November,

Parrott said he would "try to  
build a consensus" with  
County Executive Ed  
McNamara and other top  
county leaders to solve such  
area problems as airport noise  
and expansion, the crumbling  
road system, toxic waste well  
issues, and the gypsy moth  
crisis.

Stating he is "an avid  
outdoorsman," and thus is ex-  
pecially concerned about envi-  
ronmental matters.

He supports the American  
Civil Liberties Union, the  
Michigan Sheriffs' Association  
and Planned Parenthood.

His professional associa-  
tions include the State Bar of  
Michigan and Detroit Metro-  
politan Bar Association. He  
also has membership in the  
National Rifle Association and  
the Michigan United Conserva-  
tion Clubs.

Parrott also serves on the  
Van Buren Township sewer  
and water commission. For  
further information call Lia-  
ne Clair at 734-697-4229.



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## People you know

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

**Margaret Harlow**, co-owner of Harlow Tire of Westland, was one of six women honored by the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council at a luncheon yesterday as being one of the area's 1998 Women of Distinction.

Harlow was cited as a professional, whose volunteer commitments reflect the ideals of Girl Scouting. She has been active with Business Professional Women, the Rotary Club, Downtown Development Authority, Salvation Army, Oakwood Hospital Foundation, Wayne/Westland Schools Foundation and the Mayor's Task Force on Substance Abuse.

Previously she has been named Westland's First Citizen, Business Person of the Year and has been a recipient of the Athena Award.

**Henry McIntosh**, 57, of Inkster won \$700 on last Saturday's *Road to Riches* TV program sponsored by the Michigan Lottery. A supervisor for Ford Motor Co. for the last 27 years, McIntosh sent in entries each week, but never believed he would be selected for the TV program. He carried a lucky coin in his pocket during the show. McIntosh intends to share his winnings with his three children, pay some bills and take a trip to Las Vegas. In his spare time, he enjoys bowling and spending time with his six grandchildren.

Army Pvt. **Michael S. Konkel Jr.** has graduated from ba-



Margaret Harlow

sic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

**Konkel**, is the son of Debroah S. Konkel of Westland.

He is a 1997 graduate of Delton Kellogg High School, Kalamazoo.

Army Pfc. **Robert D. Ware** has graduated from the watercraft operator course at Fort Eustis, Newport News, Virginia.

Ware is the son of Debra A. Ware of Inkster and Avery B. Ware of Romulus.

His wife, **Jessica**, is the daughter of Hans S. and Linda Korschinowski of Henderson, Nevada.

**Eddie Chapman N.** Chapman has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Westland.

Chapman, a student at Plymouth Salem High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for basic training on July 8, 1998.

He is the son of Willis A. and Elvira V. Chapman of Canton.

## Luster to receive doctoral degree

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

**Erika S. Luster**, daughter of Gerald and Albertine Luster of Romulus, will be awarded her Doctor of Medicine degree at Wayne State University School of Medicine's commencement ceremonies on June 4.

She already has been accepted into the Radiology Residency program at the Detroit Medical Center and plans to specialize in interventional radiology.

Luster earlier earned her bachelor of science degree with honors in biology back in 1993 at Wayne State University.

She is a 1989 graduate of Romulus High School, having earned a four-year academic scholarship to a medical school.

While at college, she was active with the Phi Beta Kappa



Erika Luster

Society, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society, Association of Pre-Medical Students, Who's Who in America for Students and the National Dean's list.

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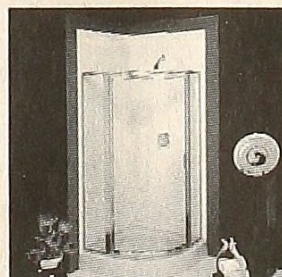
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Several of the Romulus High School National Honor Society officers pose for a photo following a recent induction of new members ceremony. From left are Rebecca Oleszkowicz, vice president; Linda Ryznar, treasurer; Natalie Griffith, president; Amber Long, secretary and Nicole Laskaska, parliamentarian. MCN Special Photo

# 19 students added to NHS

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Nineteen new members of the Romulus High School National Honor Society were inducted recently at a ceremony in the school auditorium.

New members had to have amassed a 3.5 grade point average and shown leadership skills and excellent character, provided community service and been recommended by a local teacher.

The new NHS members included: Jarene Armstrong, Amber Bowman, Brad Bowman, Carrie Brown, Tariprey Burutolu, Thaie Carter, Andrea Coate, Erin Conway, LaNeda Davis, Erin Fisher, LaDonna Franklin, Stephen Harper, Felicia Middlebrooks, Steven Mientkiewicz, Nicole Moue, Jennifer Nieman,

Jessica Nieman, Jannetta Sewell and Brooke Thompson.

Principal Dan Hurst welcomed the new members along with 36 special honorees from the district elementary schools, their parents, friends and Romulus Board of Education members.

NHS President Natalie Griffith and Vice President Rebecca Oleszkowicz presented the new members that night.

Local attorney Brian Oakley spoke to the honored students and "stressed how important the combination of academics and friendships they developed will be in determining their success in life."

The students and their guests were later treated to refreshments supplied by the Wayne-Romulus Optimist Club.

# Free dumping slated from May 30 to June 6

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Once again Romulus residents will be permitted a week of free dumping at the city's Department of Public Works property at 34100 Goddard road from May 30 until June 6.

Saturday dumping hours will be from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and weekdays will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be no dumping allowed on Sunday May 31.

Mayor William Oakley urged that the free dumping be once again tied in with the city's spring clean up program and along with DPW Director David Paul has ordered that dumpsters be set up at the dump site during these pe-

riods.

The dumping regulations include:

- all users must show proof of Romulus residency.
- no more than two dump loads a day.
- no commercial dumping will be allowed.
- no dumping of concrete or dirt.
- a maximum of four tires will be accepted at the dump site.
- no tree limbs, tree trunks or yard waste will be allowed.
- no large items such as boats, sheds, cars, engines, etc.
- no liquid waste (chemicals, petroleum products, paint etc) will be accepted.

For more information call 942-77579.

# Tribute

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A traveling ice cream vendor, Rose Rose, said "Cymonne proved to be a special girl the first day I met her at curb-side." Rose said young Cymonne showed how kind-hearted she was by never trying to show her importance with others at the side of the

truck.

One of her last nurses, Jennifer Ritz at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, joked in the final weeks of her life, she often sneaked in 10 packs of Kit-Kat candy treats (one of Cymonne's favorites).

The week before she died we even had to rinse chocolate smudges off her finger tips, so we wouldn't get caught, Ritz said. "She just loved those candies that much," Ritz said.

## A. CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 98-18 STACKABLE CHAIRS

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item.

- (1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Kristian Moe, Purchasing/Computer Services Director, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI or by calling (313) 942-7564.
- (2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00 p.m., June 2, 1998. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

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- (3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities. A bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the total bid price will be required.

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# Oakley on TV show tonight

Romulus Mayor William Oakley will be joined on "The Mayor's Chair" TV program at 6:30 tonight on Romulus Cable Channel 40, by his assistant David Cox and the city's Community Development Director Richard Marsh.

Among the items to be discussed will be the current gypsy moth suppression effort, city infrastructure improvements, various new development projects and the planned city-wide garage sale from May 28-31.

The cable program is televised live from the City Council Chambers. Persons wishing to be part of the audience must

be in the chambers by 6:15 p.m. questions should call at Those wishing to call in 734-942-7571.

## CITY OF ROMULUS CHAPTER 2 ARTICLE III AMENDED ADMINISTRATION ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Romulus Providing That the Code of Ordinances be Amended by Revising Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Sections 2-52 and 2-53 Providing for Additional Restrictions on Contracts Where a City Official/Employee has a Pecuniary Interest in the Contract.

THE CITY OF ROMULUS, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN HEREBY ORDAINS:

### Section 1: Short Title

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the Code of Ethics Ordinance.

### Section 2:

Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Section 2-52 of the Romulus City Code entitled "Definition" is amended to add the following definitions to read as follows:

*Himself/herself* means individually, or as a partner, member or employee of a co-partnership, or unincorporated association or as a one percent stockholder of a corporation not listed on a stock exchange or as a stockholder of a stock listed on a stock exchange where the city official/employee's stock has a present total market value in excess of Twenty Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) Dollars or which he or she is a director, officer or employee.

*Contract*. The term contract shall not include contracts with public utility services where the rates therefore are regulated by the state or federal government, or contracts between public entities.

*Solicit* means to take part in any negotiation, renegotiation or amendment to such contract, approve the contract or represent either party in the transaction.

### Section 3.

Chapter 2, Article III, Division 2, Section 2-53(d) and (f) of this Romulus City Code are amended to read as follows:

(d) *Party to contract*. No city official/employee shall be a party directly or indirectly, to any Contract, nor solicit any Contract, between himself or herself and the City, except as hereinafter provided:

(1) The city official/employee promptly discloses any pecuniary interest in the Contract to the Council which is recorded in the official proceedings, unless the direct benefit to the city official/employee from the Contract is an amount less than \$250.00 and less than five (5) percent of the public cost of the contract and the city official/employee files a sworn affidavit to that effect with the Council.

(2) *Disclosure*. Disclosure by the city official/employee shall be made either by:

(i)Disclosing in writing at least seven (7) days before the Council meeting in which the contract is on the agenda, to the presiding officer of the Council; or if the presiding officer has a pecuniary interest then to the Clerk, the extent of the pecuniary interest.

(ii) At a public meeting of the Council, in which case a vote on the contract shall not be taken until at least seven (7) days after the meeting at which the disclosure is made. If the amount of the direct benefit to the city official/employee is more than Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars, disclosure must be made as provided in this sub-paragraph.

(3) All contracts to which a city official/employee is a party shall be approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the full Council, without the vote of the Council person with the pecuniary interest who is making the disclosure, unless otherwise required by law to vote.

(4) When such contract are approved by the Council, the minutes shall contain, the name of the parties involve, the nature of the pecuniary interest, and the terms of the contract.

(f) Doing business with the City. No city official/employee shall engage in business with the City directly or indirectly, without first complying with the provisions of this Ordinance.

### Section 4: Penalty.

Anyone found guilty of violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment not to exceed ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of this court.

### Section 5: Severability

Should any clause, sentence, paragraph, sub-section or section of this Article be declared void or otherwise invalid, for any reason, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect any portion of this Article other than the part specifically declared to be void.

### Section 6: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication in the official newspaper.

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an ordinance duly adopted by the Romulus City Council at its regular meeting held on the 27th, day of April, 1998.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan  
ATTEST: William Oakley, Mayor

Within forty-five (45) days after the publication of any ordinance duly passed by the Council, a petition may be presented to the Council protesting against such ordinance continuing in effect. Said petition shall contain the text of such ordinance and shall be signed by not less than six percent (6%) of the registered electors registered at the last preceding election at which a Mayor of the City was elected. Said ordinance shall thereupon and thereby be suspended from operation and the Council shall immediately reconsider such ordinance.

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Lump sum bids shall be submitted and supplemented by a bid bond, certified check, or bank draft endorsed to the Owner in the amount of the bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory performance bond and labor and material bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent of the Contract.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof and to waive any informalities therein, and to award the Project in whole or part.

Sandra L. Rich  
Secretary, Board of Education

Publish: May 14, 1998



By RITA BEDELL  
Police Beat Writer

## Romulus Reports

A breaking and entering was reported in the 12000 block of Schultz on April 30. The side door of the residence was pried open, al-

though, nothing was missing. This is the second time this has happened at this location.

A 1986 Blazer parked in the 15200 block of Inkster Road had its passenger window broken and someone stole the face plate off the stereo.

Hub caps were stolen from a 1998 Chevy Malibu that was parked at the Hilton Suites on May 1.

The owner of a mini van broke down at Ozga and Tyler Roads on May 2. The owner went for help and when they returned, the van was gone.

It is described as a dark red 1988 Plymouth Voyager, plate number 6ACF40. Anyone with information is asked to call the Romulus Police.

A white man, 5'8" with shaved hair, was seen trying to break into a locked shed on May 2 in the 39000 block of

Montana.

The attempted break in was thwarted when the homeowner scared off the man.

4 Goodyear semi trailer tires were stolen from a trailer at Hannan Leasing in the 28600 block of Hildebrandt on May 2. The tires, 11R.225 are valued at \$1,500.

An unlocked 1984 Ford truck parked in the driveway in the 34600 block of Lynn had a toolbox with tools and a Motorola Cell Phone stolen on May 3.

Hub caps were stolen from a 1998 Dodge van that was parked in a lot on Flynn Drive on May 3.

A construction site at I-275 and Northline Road had its tool shed broken into on May 4. A large amount of power tools and 2 generators were stolen from the site.

Airlines Parking on Merriam Road called police to report a couple of vehicles they believed to be abandoned.

The vehicles are a 1996 Dodge Van and a 1994 Ford Van. Both vans turned out to be stolen.

The driver side mirror on a 1993 Chevy Cavalier was broken while being parked in the 30000 block of Halecreek.

A home invasion was discovered on May 4 in the 16100 block of Ironstone.

The door frame, lock and hinges were all damaged.

A cassette/CD player, collector records, briefcase and misc. personal items were all stolen.

The far East side of the Oakbrook Subdivision was the area of vandalism on May 5.

In the area of Anthony and Jamestown Streets, 6 separate complaints of obscenities spray painted on parked vehicles were called in to the police.

Special Attention has been requested in this case.

## Van Buren Reports

An apartment in the Southport community was reported broken into on May 1.

Two separate domestic problems were handled by Van Buren officers on May 1.

The first was from a location on McKinley, and the next from a home on Elwell.

A call from the 7800 block of Marlowe reported that someone suffered from a dog bite on May 1.

A warrant arrest was made at Rawsonville and I-94 on May 1.

Police received a call from the Rawsonville and Bemis Road area on an assault and battery charge.

Officers responded to the call, but could not locate suspects when they arrived.

A second assault and battery call came in from Rawsonville and Bemis. This time a report was made.

Someone from Oak Lane did not appreciate the loud party coming from another location in their block.

Police went and advised the parties to quiet down.

A domestic violence call was received from a home in Lighthouse. When police arrived, the man had left the residence.

A traffic stop at Denton and Michigan resulted in a warrant arrest.

Officers lodged the fugitive and are holding him on a \$2,100 bond for Oakland County.

## Wayne Fire Reports

The City of Wayne Fire Department reported 6 "other" fires and 43 rescue calls within the week of April 27 through May 4.

There were no calls for house, industrial and vehicle fires.

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# News from area churches

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## Pastors pray for political leaders

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Pastors throughout Western Wayne County teamed up in prayer circles last Thursday noon to pray for wisdom for city, county, state and national political leaders as well as school officials.

Prayers reportedly were also offered in Romulus, Wayne, Inkster and Belleville for local mayors, council members, public safety officials and school administrators and teachers.

Pastors and lay leaders also offered prayers for the strengthening of family relationships and neighborhood and city ties.

The National Day of Prayer was coordinated by Shirley Dobson, wife of *Focus on the Family* radio host Dr. James Dobson.

Participants, who join in the activity each year, are convinced that their efforts have aided decisions for religious freedom.

For instance Ruth Bleeker of Belleville declared "we have an obligation under God to intercede for our leaders. Just think of the supernatural power of God that could be unleashed from the heavens if everyone in America prayed daily for our national and area leaders."

Thirteen Cub Scouts from St. Mary's Catholic Church have been awarded their "Light of Christ" emblems for finishing their requirements on the living their faith award.

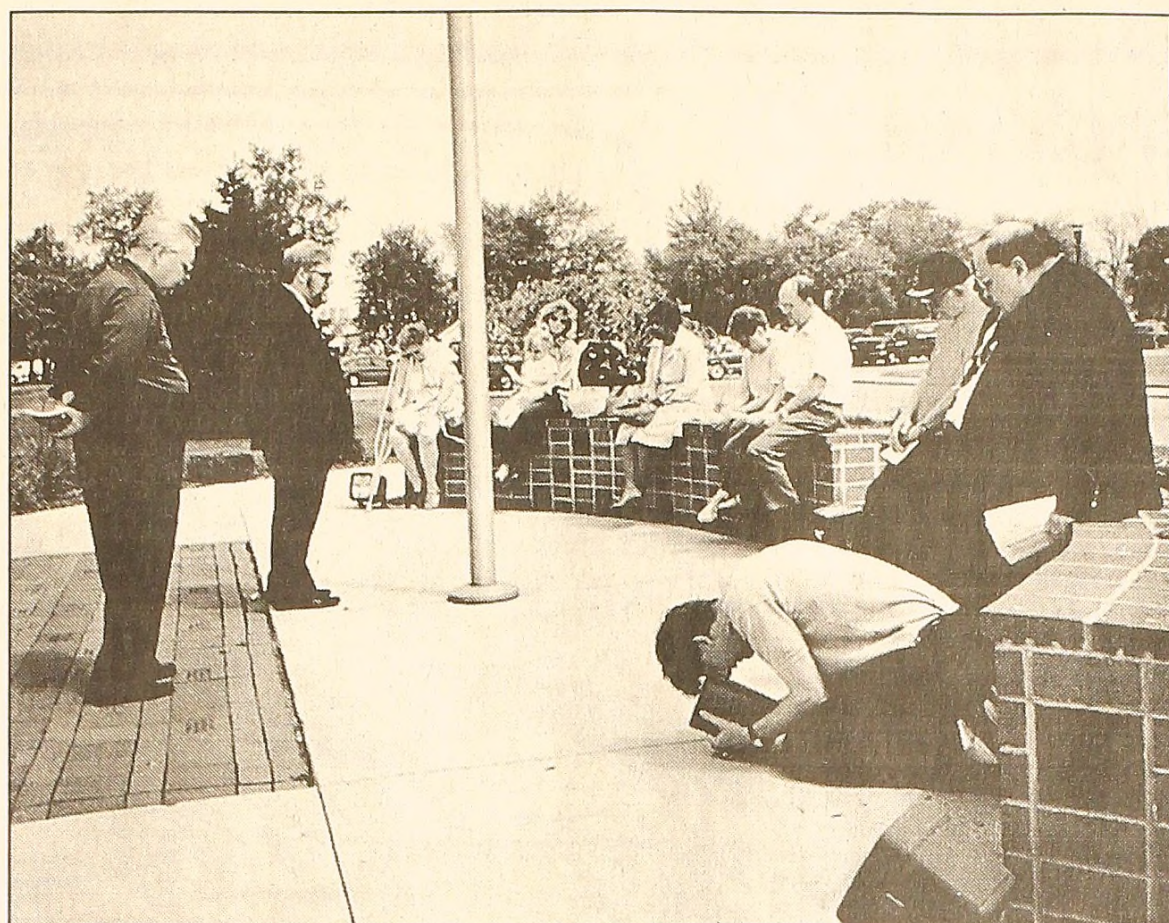
The students included: Victor Alava, Alex Kiras, Joey Kiras, Paul Estrada, Kevin LaFave, Matt Praedel, Jeff Pringle, Nicholas Pritula, Nicholas Rankel and Zack Wojnar.

In addition earning their "Parvuli Dei" emblems were scouts Rick Hale, Richard Karsnick and Jonathan Pernak.

The St. Mary's Catholic Church of Wayne also will preview their musical selections following the 5 p.m. Mass on May 17 at the church prior to their trip to Disney World, where they will sing the offerings again.

Teachers belonging to the Belleville First United Methodist Church will be honored this Sunday. Area college graduates will be cited on May 24.

The church will mark Pentecost Sunday on May 31 and members have been asked to wear red clothes and to bring a red geranium to be placed at



### Local prayers

Romulus Wesleyan Church Pastor Steve Adams falls to his knees as a small gathering of Romulus Christians held their portion of the National Day of Prayer service at the Veterans Monument near City Hall last Thursday at noon. Standing are Victor Parker, prayer day coordinator, left, and the Rev. Neil Swanger of the Ball Road Tabernacle (standing near flag pole). MCN Special Photo

the altar that morning.

The annual Spring rummage sale and baked goods sale of the First United Methodist Church of Wayne (located across from the Wayne Post Office) will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 22 and 9 a.m. to noon on May 23. On that final day a \$2.50 a bag day will be offered for all items except those in the "Plus Room."

An annual Spring revival sponsored by the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church of Westland is slated for 7 p.m. May 18 through May 22.

The church is located at 5651 Middlebelt road, Westland, and the Rev. Kenneth Pierce is the host pastor.

The guest evangelist will be the Rev. J.L. Williams, pastor of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Blytheville, Ark. He also will deliver the morning message at 10:50 a.m. May 17.



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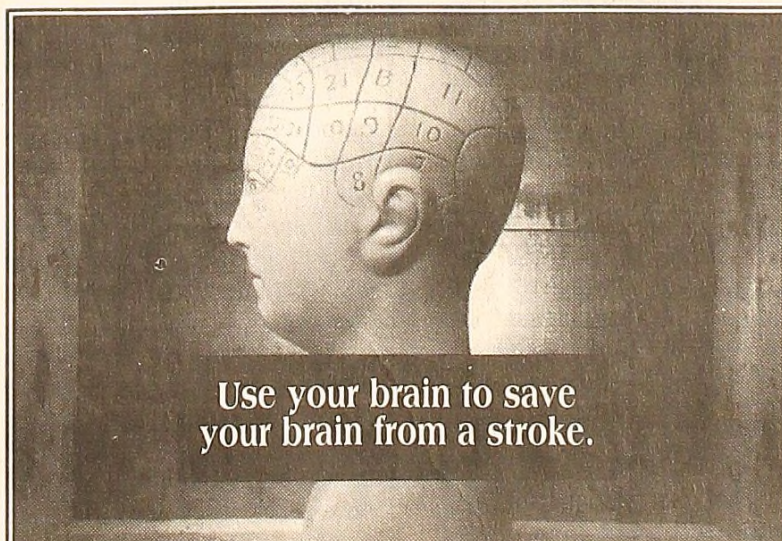
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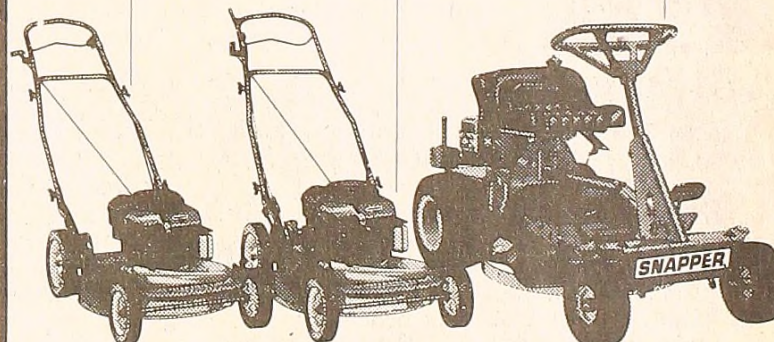
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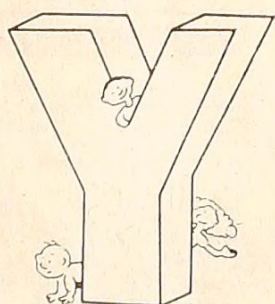
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## Time to move past Powser charges

Campaign gimmick or not, The City of Wayne will never be the same thanks to an election brochure printed and distributed by new city councilperson, Shirley Powser.

In that literature titled "The Most Important Letter You Will Ever Read", Powser leveled all kinds of allegations at City Hall and those who have been in power over the last dozen years. The allegations were taken seriously by her council mates, who appointed a task force six months ago to take testimony and prepare a written report with findings and recommendations.

Of primary concern is the allegation that a \$403,520 check written from Ford Motor Co. to the City of Wayne could not be produced by city officials, thus raising speculation that funds had been mishandled, or worse someone in power was embezzling money. The check was written 11 years ago.

Although the report has not been made public, it was the subject of heated debate between task force members last week. Essentially, by a vote of 4-3, task force members chose to send the report on to council, despite three members claiming they had no input into what was written. The meeting ended with two task force members walking out and a third threatening to sue his peers.

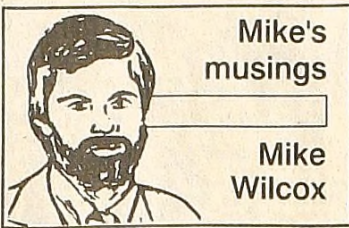
This is a shame. The task force has spent many hours at 11 meetings trying to determine what should be done with the Powser allegations. They have been extremely generous of their time and knowledge to make sure every issue was studied

carefully. Now, internal bickering has destroyed much of their collective credibility.

We believe there is no factual basis for most of Powser's charges. We believe the city administration at one time or another has been guilty of incompetence. Most organizations are. We do not believe, however, that criminal charges should be leveled against anyone.

The City Council ought to accept the task force majority's report with qualifications. Those qualifications being that task force members Netter, Daniels and Boertje be given the opportunity to prepare their own findings and forward them on to the council. It was unfair, in our opinion, for the task force to not allow these three to have their written comments included in the final report. But Council can easily right that wrong, by allowing the comments at the Council level.

Once everyone is heard, we would hope the Council would act quickly to put this matter to rest. If as we suspect, the allegations haven't been proven, stop the investigations once and for all. We would like to see the City and councilperson Powser move on to more important business and quit wasting taxpayer's money on charges that can't be substantiated.



Mike's musings  
Mike Wilcox



## Angry, Drunken Dwarf never had a chance

Despite all the crying on the Internet, I never expected *People* to put Hank the Angry, Drunken Dwarf on the cover of their Most-Beautiful-People issue, despite the way he wiped out the official winner and cover boy, Leonardo DiCaprio, by 200,000 votes in *People Online's* poll.

Part of the fun of voting for Hank, which I did, was to tweak *People's* nose.

As much as I love the 'Net, I must admit that the 'Net is for nerds. Nerds feel their power by using their powerful brains to thumb their noses at perceived inferiors, such as celebrity worshippers.

Since nobody glorifies celebrityhood more than *People*, they were the perfect target for a nerdy prank: ruining their tribute to the Most-Beautiful-People by forcing them to print a picture of a dwarf on the cover of their magazine. A picture making the rounds of the 'Net — blurry-eyed Hank wearing his pink bunny suit and a sign around his neck that reads MOST BEAUTIFUL PERSON — would've been perfect.

But to cry at the stolen election misses two points. First, *People* was only worth goofing on because they would never put Hank on their cover. Everybody new that going in.

Second, almost all American elections are bogus

anyway because they're seldom about issues. When there is an issue, the candidate — read my lips — always breaks his or word. Woodrow Wilson, FDR, and LBJ were all elected as peace candidates and led the nation into war. Bill Clinton promised the most moral administration.

Courts overturn elections for our own good, voters being their own worst enemy. Limits on abortion funding in Michigan. Border controls in California.

Van Buren Schools rerun the same millage election because the school board won't accept voters' repeated rejection of their tax increases.

The real question is: Why vote?

One answer was provided by *Suck*, an outrageous 'Netzine at [www.suck.com](http://www.suck.com), who said:

"Like spectators at an Evel Knievel jump or an LA freeway incident, we watch popular votes in the hope that something will go horribly wrong."

Millages lose, peace candidates win.

Then our betters change the results and all is right



Ivan Helfman



## Thanks a Million

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Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

### "Step Into The Light-You Never Looked Better!"

Anonymous ... Any City, USA

Dear Mr. Ross: I've thought about this letter for a long time. Certainly my need is no greater than most; nevertheless, I feel compelled to write.

I have so many of the things I've always dreamed of—a loving husband, beautiful children, and an education I worked hard for. I did not think these things were ever possible because since I was a young girl, I developed excessive facial and body hair.

I tried everything to hide it, but it only made it worse. Boys didn't want to date me. Instead they teased me about how they wished they had a mustache like mine.

Girls were no better. Because I also have a large nose, one girl said I should be Groucho Marx for Halloween. One roommate in college said she didn't know she'd be rooming with a gorilla. Get the picture?

These are extremely painful memories. I share them only so you can understand the depths of my despair. My children are young now, but I'm terrified of the day when they will ask me why I have all this facial hair. Fortunately, that day hasn't arrived yet.

I'm in my thirties and the problem is only getting worse. We really don't know why God has created us certain ways. I thought this was my lot in life—something I must learn to live with. That is until I heard of a miraculous laser technique for removing hair. Only problem—it's expensive.

I stay home with my children and only work part-time. There is, and will always be, more pressing things to do with our money. Although I only live 2 hours from a Spa Thira center, it's out of my grasp. One treatment for my upper lip alone would be around \$400 and at least two treatments would be necessary. I also have hair covering my cheeks, chin and neck. Can you see why I'm writing?

I don't know what all this would cost, but the miracle seems so close, yet so far away. I write to you in strict confidence. Please do not publish this letter. It would be too painful if anyone found out it was me. The humiliation I live through every day is more than enough.

Write Percy Ross, P.O. Box 39000-B, Minneapolis, MN 55439. Include your phone number and the name of this publication. All letters are read. Only a few are answered in this column; others may be acknowledged privately.

Dear Anonymous: It is with a heart full of compassion and hope for your bright future that I explain the following. I'm printing your letter, not to further your humiliation, but so others with the same condition don't have to suffer in silence any longer.

I've spoken with the people from Spa Thira, nationally based out of San Diego. They have 14 centers throughout the country where the SoftLight Laser Hair Removal System is available. They can treat the facial hair on your lip, chin, cheeks and neck with a 5 treatment plan for each of the 4 areas of the face for a total cost of \$3,300.

The initial 2 treatments are done over a 4 to 6 week period, with 3 more treatments to be done over the next 6 to 8 months for optimum results. Sound like a dream come true? It is. Please be mindful though that excessive facial hair is something that requires long-term management for there is no "cure." In subsequent years, you will need to continue with some maintenance treatments.

The letter I'm sending you is the only thing needed to receive your treatments at the Spa Thira closest to you. And don't worry about the bill, because it will be forwarded on to me.

I want to thank you for being so brave and sharing with the nation your dark seeded pain and humiliation. Come forward now, into the light, because miracles really do come true.

And for my other readers who would like more information for themselves or a loved one, please call 1-888-76-THIRA for the Spa Thira closest to you. The organization is comprised of caring individuals who are ready to assist you.

**Editor's note:** Check your local radio station for Percy Ross' call of the day and visit his web site at [www.thanksamillion.com](http://www.thanksamillion.com)

## NOW favors liberal economics, by government

To the editor:

Friedman and Steinem agree that Clinton's sex life is unimportant, even if several of his dalliances have been experienced on White House grounds. They believe, too, that Clinton cannot be accused of harassment if his advances are rebuffed. Their reasoning in this regard is as bad as their attitude about women's devotion and satisfaction in the rearing of children.

The National Organization of Women's second reason for organizing is more disturbing than their convoluted stands on women's rights and aspirations. The NOW crowd consistently promotes the liberal view on economics. Big and more expansive government along with the continued regulation of business seems to be even more important, at times, than so-called women's rights. Clinton won't tell us very much about his educational experiences, and it is unlikely that either Friedman or Steinem will be able to prove anything like extensive study of economics in their backgrounds.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

## Big government pensions turn off the voters

To the editor:

In response to a caller to your "Sound Off", may I remind that person in particular and your readers in general that many politicians, civil service and appointees who earned good salaries and pensions from the taxpayers of Westland continue links which line their pockets with taxpayer dollars. To name a few: Glenn Shaw; Tom Taylor, "Trav" Griffin Robert Thomas, Chuck Pickering, the late Joe Benyo and possibly now Diane Fritz. I suspect the list will increase in the future as quickly as opportunities arise to double dip, there will be no shortage of candidates. That's a perk of politics and no wonder when the percent of eligible voters who go to the polls run between 1% and 9%. In recent history the smallest number, 19% went to the last presidential election. The taxpayers get what they deserve when they sit home on election days.

Beatrice Scalise  
Westland

## A public letter to the Westland parks director

To the editor:

I want to express some good needs and bad news. The good news is that I was finally pleased to see that a walk path was put in the Jaycee Park on Hunter last year. I have been going to that park for many years and find that since the path was put in, more people visit the park. The new 'play pit' appears to be well received by the youngsters too. All this was a good move!

The bad news however is that the park is in pitiful shape! The seeding that might have been done along the pathway is deteriorated. When it rains, water runs over several areas of the pathway creating an obstacle course for walkers. Some trees need to be trimmed and stumps need to be removed. The creek has large branches and trash throughout it causing an unsightly appearance and potential health hazard. And either remove that lonely old BBQ grill or get some new ones in there. Is there a maintenance schedule for this park?

Recently old BBQ grill or get some new ones in there. Is there a maintenance schedule for this park?

Recently, a friend of mine from Milan, Italy took a walk with me in this park. As with all big cities in Europe, parks are a primary source of outdoor social activity and enjoyment. She commented that our park was dirty and unkept. I couldn't agree more!

Please visit this park and hopefully you will understand these comments and will take some action to improve the situation. Let's

get in better shape so we can enjoy it more this summer! Your immediate attention and action is appreciated by all of us that visit this park!

Kathleen Wilson  
Westland

## Stock market bubble will burst once again

To the editor:

Did the collapse of the American stock market "bubble" in 1929 cause the Great Depression? Answer: No.

It was the nearly simultaneous collapse of the British Pound that caused the depression. Consider:

Imperial Britain had been pursuing "free trade" policies for nearly 70 years prior to the 1930's collapse. By the last 1920's an expensive welfare state had been established in England to support the growing under-classes who were "not participating" in the booming imperial economy of banking and finance.

By 1929, the Pound was under pressure and had to be supported by foreigners. Gold and other reserve assets had to be shipped to England regularly from the U.S. and elsewhere to support the English currency. Finally, in 1931 the Pound collapsed and the depression really got going.

The collapse of the British Pound thus deprived the world economy of its trusted unit of currency and made a stabilizing "lender of last resort" impossible. Please remember that the U.S. was a high tariff isolationist country at that time.

The parallels with today's

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economy are alarming. Today, the U.S. is a "free trade" economy. Our working classes are not really participating in the booming financial economy. We have a large stock market bubble. Smaller countries are either in collapse, as in Asia, or are still being sustained by mini-bubbles, as in Europe and Latin America. And most important the U.S. Dollar is being constantly supported by foreign bond buyers.

The situation is unsustainable and mirrors the British experience in the 1920's and '30s almost exactly.

Something very big is coming!

Walter Warren  
Westland

## 'We do not discriminate,' say Inkster sororities

To the editor:

Recently, members of DAZ (Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.,) were criticized in the *Inkster Ledger Star* by two members of the City Council-Councilman Hilliard Hampton and Councilman Ernest Hendricks, who accused us of excluding another district from our city service projects. We ignored the first attack because we knew that Councilman Hampton's accusations were not true, and we did not want to enter into an argument. When the second attack came from Councilman Hendricks (April 23 edition of the *Ledger Star*), we decided that it was time to reply and set the record straight, for not only were the accusations false, but they also seemed to indicate that we were discriminating. Following is the history of our program:

In 1987, the idea for a Career Day project came from Margie Rose, who was president of Zeta Nu Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. She asked the Zetas if they would like to work on a project with Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sororities, Inc., to sponsor a Career Day at Blanchette Middle School (yearly) to expose the children to various occupations by inviting professionals to discuss their occupations and encourage the children to stay in school. The project was welcomed, and at the first meeting of members from the sororities, plans were discussed to rotate the Career Day between the Inkster district and others.

At that meeting, the committee agreed to invite Westwood School District to join us and that way, more students would reap the benefits, and rotating from district to district would be beneficial to greater number. A letter was written to the Westwood School District inviting them to join us. We received no reply from that district neither accepting nor declining. We also wrote others, including Inkster High School, and received no reply.

The principals of Blanchette Middle School, Sylvester Mosley and Thomas Andrew, wanted the project in their school, and we remained there. To this day, eleven years later, we have received no answers to our letters of invitation.

In 1988, Margie Rose approached DAZ Committee to sponsor a Partnership Day with the City of Inkster and the purpose was to expose the children to city operations and see city officials in action and learn from them. The second project began.

In later years, Eunice Johnson, Teen Health Center Director, asked the DAZ Committee to sponsor an Immunization Fair in the City, and that project began. At the Fair, free vaccines are given to children

for school entrance. Nurses and doctors in our city and nearby volunteer their services. Each year, we sponsor the three projects aside from our regular objectives in our respective sororities, and we welcome Westwood and any other district who would like to join us.

We regret that the Councilmen did not approach us first to find out why others were not with us. Instead, they criticized us falsely in the press without knowing the whole story. We know they have a right to the freedom of speech, but they are treading on dangerous grounds when they make false accusations before seeking the truth. They did not offer a word of praise for our efforts in the city.

We give credit to the City of Inkster and Inkster Board of Education for allowing us to work with the students. We do not ask them for any money and the service projects are sponsored with funds from the treasuries of three sororities. We plan, do the leg work and

freely give of our time and efforts for the children and our city. Lately, the National Bank of Detroit has given us funds to cover the luncheon at Partnership Day, and we thank them for the donations.

We do not discriminate, and if the councilmen know some district who would like to join us in these projects, please let us know and we can work together and receive wider exposure.

Dr. Ingrid Wilson Johnson  
President, Delta Sigma Theta  
Inkster Alumni Chapter

Renee Micou  
President, Alpha Kappa  
Alpha, Sorority, Inc.  
Eta Iota Omega Chapter

Irma B. Watson  
President, Zeta Phi Beta  
Sorority, Inc.  
Zeta Nu Zeta Chapter

## Remove racial preferences from state law

To the editor:

In 1996, California citizens

decided that racial preferences should be removed from state law. It was decided that government should not discriminate against an individ-

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Neil Goodred  
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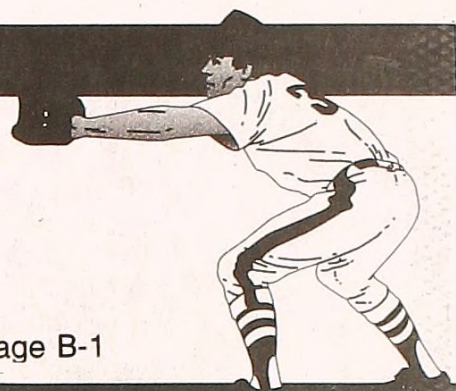




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# SPORTS

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## Showdown in the Gold Division

### Romulus rips Inkster, Robichaud to clear path for title duel with Fordson

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Scoring a total of 36 runs in 10 complete innings, Romulus hammered Inkster and Robichaud last week to clear the path for Saturday's rematch with undefeated Dearborn Fordson for the Mega Conference Gold Division baseball title.

But the title game will not materialize if Coach Don Foley's Eagles or the Tractors should lose earlier in the week.

Romulus has to contend

with Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Rouge before the rematch with the Tractors.

As the week began, Fordson stood atop of the Gold Division with a perfect 7-0 record. One game out of first are the Eagles (6-1), who must post repeat victories over the Chargers (Wednesday) and Rouge (Friday).

"Fordson has shown everyone in this division that they are the team to beat," Foley said. "We will have an opportunity to play them later this week. If we want a share of the

title, then we're going to have to beat them for it."

With junior right-hander Derek Plave posting his and the team's first no-hitter of the season, Romulus buried Inkster 19-0 in an abbreviated game called due to the mercy rule.

Plave struck out 13 of the 15 Viking batters he faced.

Steve Justice led the Eagles' 11-hit assault on three Viking pitchers as he laced three hits in three official at-bats. Justice had a single, double, triple and walked while scoring three

times and batting in three other runners.

Romulus' Ralph Hackney also collected a triple and a single and had three RBIs. Teammates Aaron Buhl, Jeremy Stevens, and Plave each had two runs batted in.

Robichaud pitching could not cool the Eagles' bats as a pair of Bulldog throwers gave up a total of 13 Romulus hits in a 17-5 Eagles' victory, called after five innings.

Plave again looked good at the plate where he drilled a two-run, fourth inning homer,

while he also cashed in on two other hits in his four appearances at the plate. Dennis Forystek chipped in with three hits, two of those were doubles. He scored four times.

Justice had a double and single while Jeff Brasili, also scored three times, after getting aboard on a two-run double and a single and walk.

In a crossover twin bill against Redford Thurston, however, Romulus became the victim of outstanding pitching as The Eagles dropped the pair to the Blue Division co-

leaders.

Thurston's John Haack fired a no-hitter, struck out seven and walked four in a 5-0 victory, then teammate Dale Zazmirczak completed the rout with a two-hitter in a 10-0 shutout in the nightcap.

Zazmirczak held the Eagles hitless until the fifth when Matt Martin led off with a single, but a double play erased him from the base paths.

The only other Romulus hit came off the bat of James Monat, who collected a pinch-hit single.

## Eagles go for perfect

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

In their inaugural year in the Mega Conference Blue Division, Romulus coach Norb Glover and the Eagles have moved within one victory of dual meet perfection.

The Eagles embarrassed Allen Park 92-33, then crushed Lincoln Park, 83-51, for victories No. 4 and No. 5 in the Blue Division.

If the Eagles can beat Taylor Kennedy this week, they will enter next week's Blue Division Track & Field Championships with an untainted 6-0 record. Kennedy wasn't expected to give the undefeated division pacesetter and grief.

"Our team remains focused on its goals," said Glover, "and winning the division is only one of our goals. There are still the regional and state finals to consider."

Romulus finished third in a field of eight on Saturday at the Adrian Invitational. The host finished with the team championship. The champs had a total of 139 points. Trailing the winner, in order, were Ann Arbor Pioneer (97), Romulus (89), Hillsdale (55), Westland John Glenn (39), South Lyon (38), Jackson (33) and Monroe (22).

Freddie Russell continued his personal domination of the dashes. The Romulus junior was clocked in 10.7 for his victory in the 100. He also picked up a gold for a 22.1 effort in the 200-meters.

Russell's teammate, Melvin Hicks, cleared 6 feet, 4 and was awarded the gold in the high jump. He also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

Russell and Hicks teamed up with Carleton McCauley and Charles James to capture a first-place in the 400-meter relay. The winning time was 44.2. However, the Eagles lost the 3,200-meter relay to Ann

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Local high track & field teams Friday afternoon will join area teams at regional sites to compete for regional honors and qualify for the state finals. Athletes must finish first or second in their event at the regional, or meet established state times and distances, in order to advance to the state meet. Above, Glenn's Kania Adams, a sprinter, will be among those seeking to qualify for coach John Kitchen's Rockets. The state championships will be staged May 30 in Bay City. Photo by Carolyn Shough

## Glenn finished 3rd at Jackson Relays

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

With their high jump and speed relay teams striking gold, Westland John Glenn finished third in a field of eight local and area high school teams at the prestigious Jackson Relays.

"I felt we performed well against some outstanding teams," said coach John Kitchen, whose Rockets will focus in on Class A regional competition Saturday at Redford Union. "This meet helped lift our confidence a notch or two."

Glenn record-holder LaToya Chandler and Felicia Barnett won gold medals for their combined efforts in the high jump competition.

Chandler cleared 5 feet, 4 to top the field of jumpers in the event.

The Rockets also received first-place performances from their 400 and 800-meter relay teams. Kitchen utilized the same lineups - Kania Adams, Nicole Herring, Chandler and Nicolette Jarrett in the 400 (49.9) and in the 800-meters (1:46.8). The 800-meter time set a new meet record.

The Westlanders also finished with a silver in the long jump competition as Jarrett (15'9 1/2") had the best leap. Teammates Chandler (13'8 1/2") and DeAnna McCargo (14' 1/2") completed the lineup.

Jocelyn Bovia, Pam Johnson, Jennifer Marchand and Herring secured a fourth place for the Rockets in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:16.7).

In the meantime, Glenn's team settled for a fifth place at the Adrian Invitational where

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## Lukasik 3-hits Glenn

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Salem's Jason Lukasik tossed a three-hitter, struck out 10 and walked four en route to a 3-0 shutout of Westland John Glenn in a Western Lakes Conference game Friday afternoon.

Before settling down for his first shutout, Lukasik found himself in trouble in the opening inning when he gave up two of three hits - singles to Jason Fendelet and Tim Reeves. The only other Glenn batter to get a hit off of the Salem hurler was Dale Hayes, who ripped the ball up the middle for a single in the second inning.

Hayes, who went the distance, gave up a total of eight hits - two each to Tony Bernhardt and John Hoben.

Sandwiched between losses to Salem and Farmington Harrison was a 10-7 Rocket victory

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over Walled Lake Central on Monday.

In the Central triumph, Glenn pitcher Mike Swafford, getting relief help from Josh Utley, posted the win. The two Rocket pitchers gave up a total of eight hits.

Central struck first. The Walled Lake team scored three in the first inning, increased their lead to 4-0 in the third before the Rockets came back and cut it to 4-2 in their fifth. In the bottom of that inning, Central got the pair of runs back before Glenn exploded for six big runs in the

sixth.

In the sixth, Reeves led off with a walk, then after one out, Nick Hudson and Hayes each laced singles, with Hayes getting an RBI.

Swafford then fanned for the second out of the inning, but Greg McCollum was safe on an error, but Aaron James walked to load the bases. Fendelet then came through with the key hit, a two-run single into right center field. Gordie Smith's two-bagger also into center field provided two more Rocket runs.

The inning ended when Reeves, up for the second time in that inning, fanned.

Harrison turned back the Rockets 16-6 as Ault, who pitched one inning, suffered the loss.

Chet Rees collected two of the Rockets' six hits.

Glenn and coach Todd Duf-

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## Wayne wins 2 of 3 games

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Wayne made it a two-out-of-three victory week.

Not bad, coach. Not bad. The Zebras edged Redford Union 4-3 on Monday, took it on the chin from someone they clobbered the first time around, Ypsilanti, 6-1, before claimed a hard-earned 2-1 victory over a solid Taylor Kennedy lineup thanks to some outstanding defense and the five-hit pitching from Ryan Czyzak.

Let's begin at the beginning. Charlie Leverenz turned in his best pitching performance of the season as he notched eight strikeouts, walked two and scattered five hits in a 4-3 victory over RU.

Although the Zebras' defense committed three errors, they also gave Leverenz three runs and confidence in the first inning to chalk up the win. RU came back to tie the score in their third, but Wayne rallied for the tie-breaker in the top of the seventh.

The Zebras jumped on RU starter Mike Macek in the opening frame as Scott Teasdale was issued a walk, stole

*Although the Zebras' defense committed three errors, they also gave Leverenz three runs and confidence in the first inning.*

second and scored with Matt Mackiewicz double to right center. Mackiewicz, who had two hits, including a double for the game, moved to third on the relay to the plate.

Then, Leverenz walked, and Derrick Townsend's single emptied the bases.

In the seventh, with two away, Jon Bates got aboard on a fielder's choice, moved to second with Overton's single and scored thanks to Czyzak's game-winning base hit.

Ypsi's Jon Brooks survived eight Wayne hits to avenge the Braves' earlier loss to their Mega Conference opponents. Brooks missed his shutout in the sixth when, with two away, Bates singled and scored when Overton drilled one right up the middle.

In one of the better-played games of the campaign, Wayne and Taylor Kennedy exchanged one run in the first inning, then turned the contest into a pitcher's duel between Andy Nester and Czyzak.

Wayne opened the scoring in the first when Teasdale got aboard on a single, stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball. When Nester balked, Teasdale trotted home with the first run.

Kennedy got it back in their first when Jon Donaldson's single scored David Ryan who had also singled and reached second on a stolen base.

It went down to the seventh before the tie was broken. Jason Fredericks was hit by a wild pitch, then Townsend grounded out to first with Fredericks reaching second. When Leverenz drilled one back to the mound, Nester tried to keep the ball in the infield by tossing his glove at it. Though he managed to deflect it, the ball remained out of reach, allowing the runner to score.

Taylor Kennedy also gave Wayne's defense a last inning

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Floyd Carter

## Belleville gets a scare from Wayne runners

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Belleville received a sterling effort Thursday from sprinter Steffan Minor, who won both the 100 and 200-meter dashes, but the Tigers had their problems with a makeshift Wayne Memorial lineup, which took their Mega Conference Red Division opponents to the wire before losing a close dual meet.

With Wayne's Joe Jinnett and Joran Smith at the sidelines because of illness, and Wayne coach Floyd Carter forced to juggle his personnel, the Zebras lost to a highly-touted Tigers, 78-61.

"Belleville has an excellent team this year," stressed

*I felt if we had Smith and Jinnett in the lineup, the score could have been even closer.*

- Floyd Carter

Wayne's veteran coach Floyd Carter. "I felt if we had Smith and Jinnett in the lineup, the score could have been even closer."

Minor led the field in the 100-meter dash as he hit the tape first in an excellent 11 seconds flat. The Belleville sprinter also stashed the 200-meter event into the Tiger column. In that event, he was clocked in 22.39.

If Minor can repeat those times at the regional he will

qualify for the state finals which will be staged later this month.

Wayne, still seeking its first win in the Mega Red Division this year, needed the services of Jinnett, who is a reliable point-getter in the quarter and half mile or 400 and 800-meter events, according to Carter.

Despite the setback, Wayne managed to produce a pair of double-event winners against Belleville. Kwame Hampton and Andy Prieskorn accounted

for four Wayne first-places. Hampton cleared the 110-meter hurdles in 15.96 and also leaped 17 feet, 5 1/4 to capture a first in the long jump competition.

In the meantime, Prieskorn was clocked in 4:47, the best time in the 1,600-meters. The Wayne senior also toured the 3,200-meters in 10:29, also a first place time.

Terrance Thomas gave the Zebras the 400-meters with a 52.8 performance and Chris Lund led the half-milers across the finish line. The winning time was 2:12.

Wayne wrapped up the dual meet phase of the season Tuesday night at Ypsilanti High, a team that Carter hoped to provide him with his first win of

the campaign.

The Zebras began the week with a dismal 0-6 record.

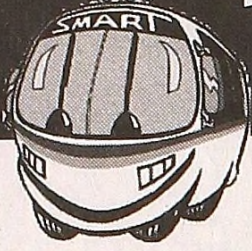
On Friday, Carter and his runners head for Redford Union where they will join 16 other local and area teams in hopes of qualifying for the state finals.

Then, on Tuesday, Wayne and the rest of the Red Division will travel to Dearborn to see if they can derail coach Bob Bridges' title express. The Pioneers are undefeated in the division.

"Dearborn is the favorite to win the 1998 championship and, if for some reason they don't, then I would have to go with Wyandotte," said Carter.



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## Relay

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the host captured the inaugural meet with 139 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer finished second (97), followed by Romulus (89), Hillsdale (55), Glenn (39), South Lyon (38), Jackson (33) and Monroe (22).

Shutout from gold, the Rockets did manage to come up with a pair of silvers thanks to Tim Moore's efforts in the long jump (19'9") and high jump (6'2"). Devin White also earned a fourth place in the long jump with a leap of 19 feet, 4 1/2.

Coach Jess Shough's 3,200-meter relay team made up of Justin Keyes, Kevin Durigon, Kevin Derivoich and P. J. Wolocko had the meet's fourth-best time (8:52.7).

The Rockets placed fifth with White, in the high jump

(5'8"); Kurt Boardman, in the shot put (43' 8 1/2") and Derrick Jairala, in the discus (120'1").

Some 18 local and area teams will compete Friday at the Class A regional track & field championships hosted by Redford Union. Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Plymouth-Salem, Plymouth-Canton, along with the Livonia high schools, Detroit Cody, Southwestern, Western, Garden City, Redford Catholic Central ate among those who will be seeking to qualify for the state finals.

The state finals will be conducted on May 30 in Bay City.

In order to qualify for the state meet, an athlete must finish first or second or meet a state standard time or distance in the individual events.

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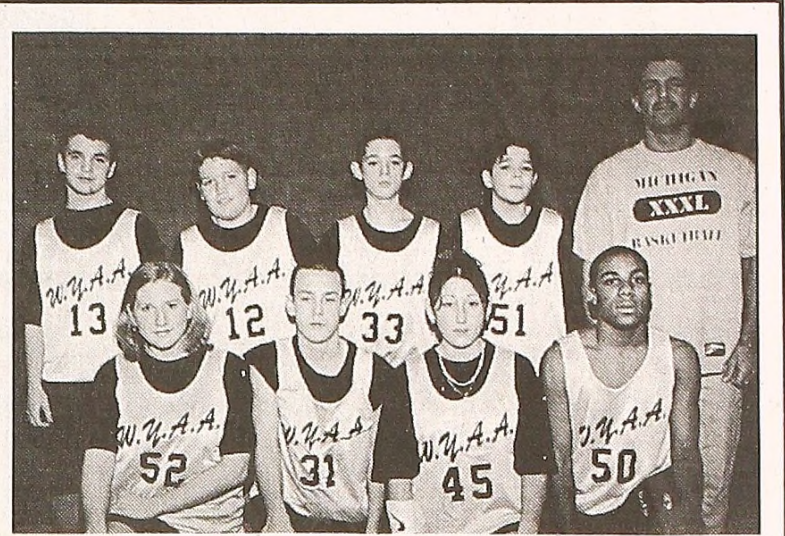
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## Co-hoop champs

The Wizards managed to finish the Westland Youth Athletic Association varsity season with a 10-2 record which earned them a share of the varsity league title. Members of the outstanding basketball team include Katie Carpen (front row, from left), Billy Gazgi, Amber Morrison and James McLeod; second row are Matt Nowak, Todd Bush, Ian Fullerton, Nick Meyer and coach Dennis Nowak. Not available at the time of the photo are team members Adam Marine and Hassan Amad. Special MCN photo

## Eagles

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Arbor Pioneer which posted the victory in 8:17.1.

Kevin Thomas, Calb Beasley, Tony Christian and Ashley Terry were awarded the silver after the Romulus foursome was clocked in 8:20.

Russell, Hicks, McCauley and Terry were runnerup in the 800-meter relay with a time of 1:33.0.

Terry missed out on a gold when he finished second to Adrian's Michael Meyers in the 400-meter dash. Meyers'

time was posted at 50.3. Terry was clocked in 50.3.

Romulus's mile relay team and Christian also returned home with medals. Christian was third in 2:03 for the 800-meters and Thomas, Terry, Christian and Eric also settled for a third place in the 1,600-meter relay (3:33.6).

Glover said he was pleased with the overall performance of his team.

"Considering that we used some athletes out of their usual events, which hurt our efforts tremendously, I felt that we performed quite well," said Glover.

## Glenn

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field will play seven games in six days this week as they hosted Farmington on Monday, traveled to Plymouth-Canton on Tuesday before clashing

with Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday.

The Rockets will be at home tonight to play North Farmington, then host Livonia Stevenson on Friday before playing a doubleheader with out-of-conference opponents Taylor Kennedy on Saturday.

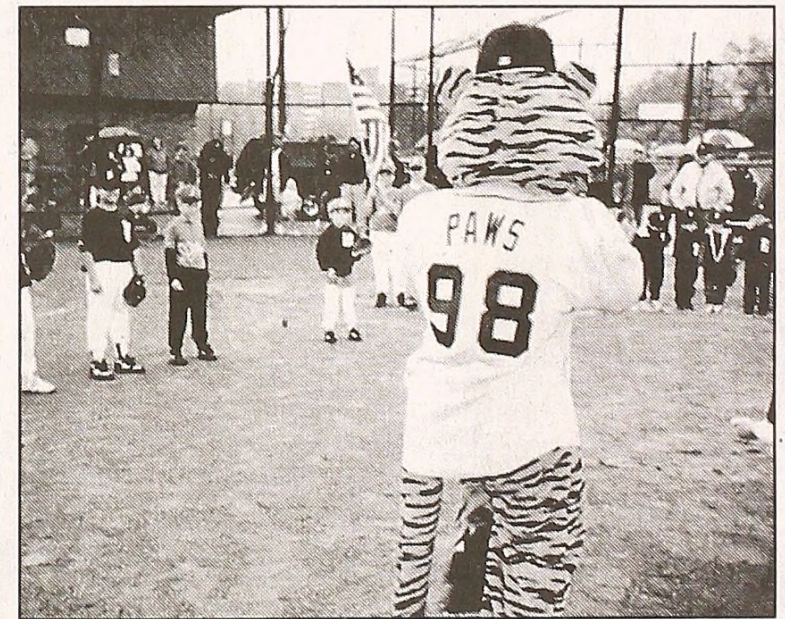
## Wayne

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scare. A leadoff double by McNanee and Nester's single put TK runners on first and third. After Nester stole second, Mark LaFontaine walked loading the bases.

Czyzak then fanned the next batter and wrapped up the game when the next batter drilled one right to his glove, which opened the gate for an easy double play.

On Thursday, Wayne travels to Allen back and the Zebras remain on the road on Friday when they take on Edsel Ford in Dearborn.



## A rainy start

With Paws throwing out the first ball, the Westland Youth Athletic Association baseball season got off to a fast but unfortunately rainy start. The unexpected and incessant rains dampened the spirits of some 38 teams that were prepared to take to the diamonds. The inclement weather abbreviated the opening day's schedule. Teams will make up their rained-out games later in the season. MCN Special Photo

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# Gore joins McNamara to honor community leaders

Over the past 11 years, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara has honored community and business leaders for their contributions to the economic and social advancement of the county at his annual Winning Ways Breakfast. McNamara hosted this year's event with a record crowd of over 2,000 people at Cobo Hall's Riverview Ballroom. Vice-President Al Gore was his guest of honor.

This year's honorees are Ismael Ahmed, executive director, Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (A.C.C.E.S.S.); Haifa Fakhouri, president and CEO of the Arab-American and Chaldean Council (A.C.C.); Richard E. Blouse, Jr, president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber; and James Thompson, longtime Detroit community activist.

"Each of these leaders has helped build a stronger community in their own way but the one thing they share is their belief that 'getting involved' is the starting point for advancing their causes," said McNamara. "All four of these individuals have made Wayne County and Southeastern Michigan a stronger place for us to live and work," he added.

Ismael Ahmed has been an advocate for the community as executive director of A.C.C.E.S.S., a social organization providing educational, cultural, social, medical, legal and employment services. The organization reaches nearly 40,000 people a year. In addition, as a member of the board of the Arab American Council of Dearborn, Ahmed has been able to advance the status and conditions of Arab Americans in southeast Michigan. Among his many involvements in community services organizations,

Ahmed is vice-chair, Board of Trustees of New Detroit, Inc. and member of the Board of Trustees for Henry Ford Health System and Channel 56, WTVS. Ahmed has received several awards including the Detroit News' Michiganian of the Year and Executive Director of the Year from the United Way Community Services.

Haifa Fakhouri arrived in the United States from Jordan in 1967. Dr. Fakhouri has been sharing her skills, gifts and talents with the Arab/Chaldean community through her role as president and CEO of the Arab-American and Chaldean Council (ACC), the nation's largest community-based organization serving the Arab and Chaldean population. Fakhouri led the effort to organize ACC to provide human services to the Arab/Chaldean community. Under her leadership ACC provides employment and training programs to immigrants to help them attain economic self-sufficiency and to thrive in their new home. Haifa is the recipient of several tributes and awards including the Wayne State University Headliner Award and the Governor's Leadership Award.

Richard E. Blouse Jr. has emerged as the voice of business in Southeast Michigan since becoming president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber, the second largest Chamber of Commerce in the United States. Blouse has played a large role in important area initiatives including funding for regional transportation, passage of the stadium ballot proposal and other pro-business legislation which has saved businesses billions of dollars and encouraged new development in southeastern Michigan. Blouse is currently involved in securing funding



Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara and Suzanne Hall.

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James Thompson, now in his eighth decade, remains active in city, state and national politics after a distinguished career in the Army. Thompson became the first African-American to obtain the rank of Sergeant Major E-9, achieving a victory over traditional barriers. He exemplified the highest ideals of "Honor, Duty, and Country" when, with extraordinary courage and heroism as a P.O.W., he withstood the physical and psychological assaults of his North Korean captors during the Korean War. Thompson's perspectives have been sought by former President Jimmy Carter and former Michigan Governor Jim Blanchard. He also authored the first Black Military History book now taught in public schools.

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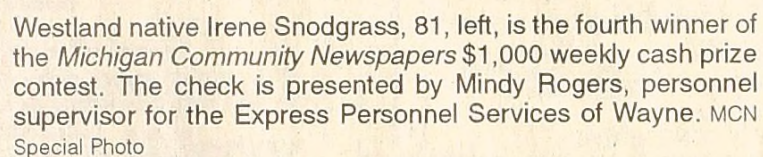
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Close to 200 student stars are expected to adorn this wall of honor at Wick Elementary School in Romulus by the end of this school year. The math promotion rewards children in grades one through six for getting 100% on tests for their grade level. In addition to their photo being placed there, they also receive a certificate and a turquoise t-shirt. MCN Special Photo

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## Local elementary to celebrate receiving national award

By DON RICHTER  
MCN Special Writer

Rawsonville Elementary Principal Theresa Green has announced a day of celebration for all students and staff in honor of the school's designation as the only Michigan recipient of the Title I National Distinguished School Award. Ms. Green and her staff recently returned from the awards ceremony held on May 5 in Orlando, Florida.

"Rawsonville Elementary will celebrate with a gathering of the entire student body for a special photograph in the school yard today, May 14 at

1:30p.m.," said Principal Green. "Our success is a team effort and we welcome the community to join us, since without parent and community support, we could not succeed."

Green gave personal thanks to several community members who provided support for the trip to Florida. "Jim and Julie Chudzinski provided the teachers the use of their Florida home while the group was in the Orlando area. Also, we received financial support for the trip from the Belleville Kiwanis Club, Tri-Community Optimist Club of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren, the

Rawsonville P.T.O., the National Bank of Detroit-Lakewood Branch and Joseph and Karen Monte."

Following the huge group photo, the students will be served a special ice cream sundae they can top themselves. "Around 2:00p.m. we expect parents to start dipping into the ice cream to serve these hard-working students," said Green. "We are also very grateful to Diane Tracey, owner of the Rawsonville McDonald's Restaurant, for donating the toppings and peanuts for the party."

Green said that she, "hopes

that many in the community will show up with their cameras to record this historic event for posterity."

The National Distinguished School Award is granted based on two major factors: That 50 percent of the student population must be receiving free or reduced lunch, which certifies the school as a Title I school. Also, that the school MEAP test scores must be above state averages in math, reading, science and writing.

Rawsonville MEAP test scores have surpassed state and county averages for the past three years.

## Madison School Honor Roll-3rd Marking Period

The following students from Madison Elementary School have made it to the honor roll for the 3rd Marking Period.

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**MRS. SZUKAITIS-3RD**  
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**MRS. ROSE-4TH**  
Darnique Adams, Melissa Brown, Todd Bruhnson, Marjorie Feliz, Alyssa Fountain, Alex Fuerth, Thomas Gibson, Christopher Hylton, Heather Lindon, Jennifer Lyp, Alexandra Michie, Kristen Morris and Richard Wyniemko.

**MRS. VASKO-4TH**  
Christopher Blanck, Jason Bombach, Chelsea Bonk, Jeffrey Carlington, Justin Digge, Justin Korpil, Ashley Krueger, Angela Lambert, Devin Liendo, Courtney Lipinski, Calynn Lustig, Kelly MacDonald, Sarah McLean, Erik Meixner, Justin Morton, Britani Olson, Kayla O'Mara, Holly Ruark, Curtis Sieczkowski, Kevin Thomas, Alec Wynn, Jasmine Wynn and Jennifer Zhao.

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3RD:  
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Jenkins, Shola Olojo, James Peterson, Andrew Sinnott and Daniel Walter.

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Emily Baker, Jonathon Copland, Courtney Fitt, Kristina Goldring, Corey Griffin, Dawn Henrikson, Jonathon Henry, Alex Hudson, Amanda LaVigne, Jackie McMaster, Janelle Pangilinan, Mark Przytula, Kristein Tabangeura and Robert Tackett.

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## P-CEP students place in robotics contest

Students in the Automation/Robotics class at Plymouth Salem competed in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers' National Student Robotics Automation Contest on Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2, at Saginaw Valley State University. The Salem students entered in three categories and placed 1st in 2 categories and 3rd in 1 category.

This contest was designed to

complement classroom instruction and give students the chance to apply classroom knowledge in competitive and fun situations. Each contest has been specifically designed to test the students skills and knowledge in a particular area of manufacturing, technology, robotics, and automation. Salem's class is under the direction of instructor Mark Siedlik.

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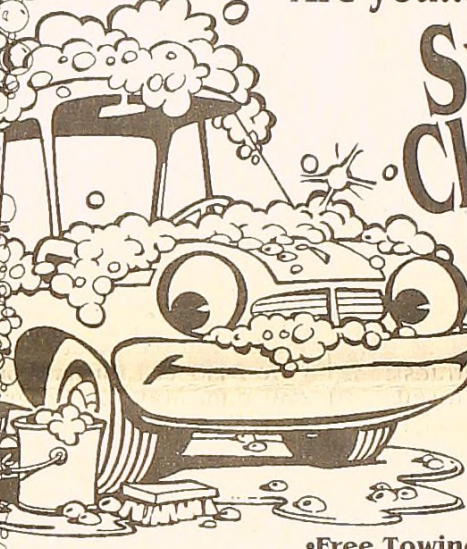
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Basham will speak at Romulus center


By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Twenty second district State Rep. Raymond F. Basham (D-Taylor) has slated a coffee hour from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Romulus Recreation Department/Senior Center, 36515 Bibbins.

"I encourage my constituents from both Romulus and Taylor to stop by and enjoy a cup of coffee and discuss key local issues with me," Basham said. For more information, he urges people to call Gayle at the Recreation Department (942-6852).

Basham also revealed he has been selected to participate in a Midwest leadership program for state legislators. Basham will join 32 other state legislators from Michigan and nine other states from July 10-14 in Madison, Wis. at the fourth annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development.

BILLD was founded in 1995 to help new legislators meet the demands created by term limits.



Raymond Basham



50th anniversary

Melvin and Marion Poet, long-time Romulus residents, will be honored May 23 for their 50th wedding anniversary at the home of their son, Steven, in Belleville. The Poets were married on May 15, 1948. They also have a daughter, Marie Fitzhugh of Romulus and had two late sons, Bill and Phil Poet. They also have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Grandparents are hosted at school

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

More than 300 Romulus area grandparents ignored the rain and cold to visit their grandchildren's classes at Cory Elementary School in Romulus last week as part of the ninth annual Grandparents Day.

A continental breakfast was supplied to all and grandmothers in particular were treated to gifts of red carnations.

Principal Phyllis Adkins told the gathering "I'm so pleased with the tremendous turn out for this year's Grandparents Day."

The highlight of the fun day was provided via entertainment including songs by various students, dances provided by the Spice Girls, Della Hamby, Cassie Wilson and Doloris Garry, a piano recital by Amber Netter and an instrumental band performance of Can You Feel the Love.

Dean Solomon and Mrs. Janet DuFore served as M/C's.

The local Girl Scouts led the pledge of allegiance. Adkins said that 12 volunteer parents helped organize the activities and handle the overflow crowd. A group of 20 specially selected students met the visitors at the school doors, conducted the tours of the building and passed out programs while assisting any of those grandparents who needed extra help.

Lovell West, a great-grandmother, exclaimed "it is so nice to see teachers and students working so hard together. The computers and all the great things these children use to learn makes this a great school."

Another grandmother Carolyn Thacker told her grandson, Nathan, "We didn't have

I'm so pleased with the tremendous turn out for this year's Grandparents Day. - Phyllis Adkins

these nice things when we went to school." Nathan in turn expressed great pride in being able to "show off all the neat things we have at Cory School."

Following the hour-long entertainment period, the students were free to spend the rest of the day with their grandparents.

The 12 parent volunteers included: Judy Wilson, Diane Gibbons, Betty Tackett, Eva McDonald, Ruth Lucas, Tishie Hudson, Patricia Leigh, Gail VanMeer, Baletha Gee, Debbie Varga, Rita Talley and Pearl Wilson.

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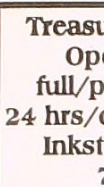
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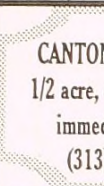
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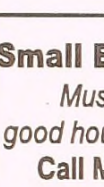
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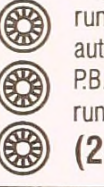
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